

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Abstract at page 34, lines 4 through 11 with the following amended Abstract:

5 ~~The present invention is generally an~~ An apparatus and method for regulating data
a flow of information based on a position of a key in a lock assembly is presented. ~~More~~
~~particularly, an illustrative embodiment includes a mechanical lock is activated by~~
~~turning a key to an enabling or disabling position.~~ Depending on a position of the key in
the lock assembly and data flow rules, an electronic circuit ~~enables~~ regulates a flow of
10 data to a target network. Data flow rules may be based on session type, transmit time,
target address and password.